

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 13 December 2018

Agenda Item CC1946/18

PCC's public consultation on Police & Crime Plan

Introduction

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is starting the process of refreshing his Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan that will lead to a refreshed edition in spring 2019.

He is asking for feedback from the public and partners on the current Plan ahead of consulting on a new version over the coming months.

He wants to hear the public's views on the issues that are important to Hertfordshire and what his strategy should continue to prioritise to help him shape the new Plan and direction for the county.

He has invited responses by 10 January on two specific questions:

- **What should the PCC's refreshed Plan continue to focus on over the years ahead?**
- **What are the new and emerging issues that should be included in the refreshed Plan?**

Discussion

The PCC's Plan for 2017 to 2022 (68 pages) is available on his website, as are the two preceding plans for 2013 to 2018 and 2015 to 2020. The PCC currently has five priorities which are explained in greater detail on his website <http://www.hertscommissioner.org/plan>:

- **Building on Success** (Each district in Hertfordshire will continue to have a visible senior police leader, supported by a safer neighbourhood team, Special Constables and PCSOs.)
- **Put victims at the centre** (I will work closer with criminal justice agencies locally to make the criminal justice system more accessible, clear and timely to all those who go through it.)
- **Public Focus** (Ensure policing is in step with the needs of the public and expand the opportunities for everyone to play their part in the delivery of policing.)
- **Offender Pays** (Those who cause the crime should bear the cost. Money collected will go towards helping support victims and communities.)
- **Business Sense** (Make the business of policing more efficient by collaborating with other emergency services and making smarter use of police property.)

Our Neighbourhood Plan includes a Policy HO2 Lifetime Neighbourhoods and Security:

“The location, design and layout of new housing development will be required to contribute to the creation of “lifetime neighbourhoods”¹. In particular, all new dwellings should be safe and secure for everyone in line with the design principles of “Secured by Design, New Homes 2014” or any successor document. Gated developments will be discouraged.”

And an associated Aim 3 Crime Prevention:

“The Parish Council will continue to support the Hertfordshire Constabulary in its efforts to reduce crime by:

- assisting residents to follow police advice for crime deterrents in their own homes*
- encouraging Neighbourhood Watch and OWL schemes and*
- contributing towards the cost of local policing.”*

The Parish Council currently funds one PCSO on the basis that our funding of one will secure the services of two. Currently there is PCSO Steve Jacobs and a replacement for the second PCSO is pending whilst completion of training and assessment takes place. The contract will come up for renewal in approximately 6 month's time.

Recommendation

- That the Parish Council notes this opportunity to respond to the Police & Crime Commissioners request for feedback on his current (2017 to 2022) Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan and considers whether it
 - (a) wishes to respond at this stage and
 - (b) determines how it wishes to prepare any response.

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